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# S. 2179

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to States, local governments, and Indian tribes to establish permanent tributes to honor men and women who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2002

Mrs. CARNAHAN (for herself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement  
5       Tribute Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The well-being of all citizens of the United  
2 States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result  
3 of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement  
4 and public safety personnel.

5           (2) More than 700,000 law enforcement offi-  
6 cers, both men and women, at great risk to their  
7 personal safety, serve their fellow citizens as guard-  
8 ians of peace.

9           (3) The National Law Enforcement Officers  
10 Memorial Fund reports that nationwide, 233 law en-  
11 forcement officers were killed in the line of duty in  
12 2001, 71 of whom died while responding to the  
13 World Trade Center disaster on September 11,  
14 2001. In 2000, 135 law enforcement officers were  
15 killed in the line of duty.

16           (4) The United States Fire Administration re-  
17 ports that nationwide, 441 firefighters died in the  
18 line of duty in 2001, 343 of whom died while re-  
19 sponding to the World Trade Center disaster on  
20 September 11, 2001. In 2000, 102 firefighters were  
21 killed in the line of duty.

22           (5) Each year, 1 in 9 law enforcement officers  
23 is assaulted, 1 in 25 is injured, and 1 in 4,400 is  
24 killed in the line of duty.

1           (6) A memorial is a powerful tribute to the men  
2           and women who have served the Nation with distinc-  
3           tion. However, many law enforcement agencies lack  
4           the resources to build a memorial to honor their fall-  
5           en colleagues.

6 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made available to  
8           carry out this section, the Attorney General may make  
9           grants to States, units of local government, and Indian  
10          tribes to carry out programs to honor, through permanent  
11          tributes, men and women of the United States who were  
12          killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or pub-  
13          lic safety officers.

14          (b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this  
15          section shall be—

16                (1) distributed directly to the State, unit of  
17          local government, or Indian tribe; and

18                (2) used for the purposes specified in subsection

19          (a).

20          (c) \$150,000 LIMITATION.—A grant awarded under  
21          this section may not exceed \$150,000 to any single recipi-  
22          ent.

23          (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

24                (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal portion of the  
25          costs of a program supported by a grant under this

1 section may not exceed 50 percent of the total costs  
2 of such program.

3 (2) EXCEPTION.—Funds appropriated by Con-  
4 gress for an Indian tribal government or the Bureau  
5 of Indian Affairs to perform law enforcement or  
6 public safety functions on Indian lands may be used  
7 to satisfy the non-Federal matching requirement  
8 under this subsection.

9 (e) APPLICATIONS.—To request a grant under this  
10 section, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-  
11 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the  
12 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-  
13 companied by such information as the Attorney General  
14 may require.

15 (f) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than November 30  
17 of each year, the Attorney General shall submit a re-  
18 port to the Congress regarding the activities carried  
19 out under this section for each fiscal year.

20 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report under paragraph  
21 (1) shall include, for the preceding fiscal year—

22 (A) the number of grants funded under  
23 this section;

24 (B) the amount of funds provided under  
25 those grants; and

1                   (C) the activities for which those funds  
2                   were used.

3           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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